



NATIONAL GAMES TOURNAMENT

RULES U9 TOURNAMENT:

TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND MATCH FORMAT:

- The tournament is played in two groups, with each team playing every other team
- Each team plays 6 matches
- The games are divided between 2 rinks (marked A and B)
- The games are played on one third of a large ice rink enclosed by boards
- The games are played in 2 x 15-minute periods
- Each 15 minutes is counted separately as one game
- In the event of a tie, there will be a shootout (3 players from each team)
- The game is played 4 on 4 (4 players on the field + 1 goalkeeper)
- Each team will have a few minutes to warm up before the match
- Substitutions are made after 1 minute, always at the sound of a signal
- When substituting, a new puck is thrown into the free space
- When the puck is thrown out of the rink, a face-off follows
- FOUL = player sent off the rink until the end of the substitution (the substitution is played out 4 on 3)
- In the event of an injury, the game and time are stopped on both sides
- is NOT possible to review a goal situation on video!
- It is NOT possible to use a time-out!
- The maximum number of players on the roster is 16+2, the minimum number is not specified
- *In the event of a serious foul, the action will be reviewed on video and an additional penalty (suspension from further matches) will be imposed*
- ***The final tournament system will be sent after confirmation of the number of teams!***

In promotion and placement matches, both 15-minute halves count together as one match!

CATEGORY:

- **U9 / players born on January 1, 2017, and younger (girls born on January 1, 2016, and younger)**

ORGANIZATION:

- The game is played according to the rules of the Czech Ice Hockey Association for the 2025/26 season
- Games will be played with a black puck and standard-sized goals (classic size)
- Registered referees from the Czech Ice Hockey Association will officiate
- First aid supervision will be present at every game!

PROTESTS REGARDING RESULTS:

- In case of disagreement, a protest may be lodged with the organizers no later than the start of the next game
- The situation will then be resolved and the result will be communicated to the Teams
- **No protest may be lodged against the referees' decision !**

POINTS:

- **Win: 3 points**
- **Win after shootouts: 2 points**
- **Loss after shootouts: 1 point**
- **Tie: 1 point**

CRITERIA FOR TOURNAMENT STANDINGS:

1. Number of points
2. Head-to-head match
3. Score – goal differential
4. More goals scored
5. Fewer goals conceded
6. Coin toss